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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1085  
INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, LE  
SUBJ: ALLEGED IDENTITY OF AMBASSADOR MELOY'S ASSASSIN

MAY 25 EDITION OF KUWAIT DAILY AL-QABAS CARRIES "EXCLUSIVE"  
STORY (APPARENTLY FROM BEIRUT) BASED ON INTERVIEW OF  
UNIDENTIFIED FRIEND OF MAHMOUD AWADA, ONE OF THOSE KILLED BY  
FRENCH AUTHORITIES IN MAY 20 ORLY AIRPORT TERRORIST INCIDENT.  
AWADA'S FRIEND REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE AND AWADA HAD BEEN  
ACTIVE IN PFLP, THAT AWADA WAS THE PERSON WHO HAD ASSASSINATED  
US AMBASSADOR MELOY IN BEIRUT IN 1976, AND THAT AFTER THE  
LEBANESE CONFLICT AWADA LEFT LEBANON BECAUSE THE SYRIANS WERE  
"PURSUING HIM" ON ACCOUNT OF MELOY'S DEATH. PRIOR TO AWADA'S  
FATAL ADVENTURE AT ORLY, HOWEVER, HE HAD RETURNED TO LEBANON--  
HIS FAMILY NOW LIVES IN WEST BEIRUT-- BECAUSE OF STOMACH TROUBLE,  
AND WAS ACTIVE IN THE "SOUTH LEBANON ORGANIZATION," DESIGNED TO  
EXPRESS "THE WILL OF THE SOUTH AGAINST ISRAELI ATROCITIES."  
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